

MAY WIND UP WORK NEXT WEEK

Efforts Under Way in Both Houses to Get Ready for Adjournment; Governor Opposed to Approving More Expense Money

HOUSE USURY BILL TO ENGROSSMENT

Senate Committee Reports Substitute for All Pending Measures; Oil and Gas Tax Bill Introduced; Senate for State Mining

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 9.—With no agreement yet reached in caucus efforts to the proposed new election law, the legislators continue to devote their time to the usury bill and other subjects that were opened by the governor. Thus far the chief executive has not recommended the consideration of the election question and it is understood that he will not do so until an acceptable measure is perfected in caucus.

In the house the Glasco usury bill was passed to engrossment Monday and was ready for final passage today. The bill was amended in a few particulars, among other things the provision making a chattel lien void on usurious contracts being eliminated.

The senate committee on banking reported a substitute for all the usury bills in that body. It does not contain the Killam-amendments and is not much like either the Carpenter or the original committee bills. It provides for a fee of \$1 for examination and inspection; for avoiding the chattel security on loans under \$300 for usury; denying access to the courts for creditors on usurious contracts under \$300; for pleading usury as an offset in actions for collections; making the transferee liable to the maker for the usurious interest when empowering the governor to instruct the attorney general to bring action to cancel charters of state banks that collect usury with knowledge of directors.

This bill will have an inning in the senate when the caucus that has been occupying most of the time this week shall have completed the election measure.

The senate refused to adopt a motion by Mr. Bickel of Woods, limiting debate. The most valued prerogative of the lawmakers is guarded jealously in the upper house. Regardless of this, however, there is an effort under way in both houses to get to final adjournment by the end of next week. The money will be exhausted by that time and there seems to be little hope that Governor Williams will approve another appropriation for the per diem and expenses.

The two houses passed a resolution inviting President Wilson to speak in Oklahoma City.

The house democratic caucus adopted a resolution by Mr. Harrison of Seminole providing for submission of an amendment to the constitution granting suffrage to women. A proposed constitutional amendment providing for the collection, distribution and admission of the oil and gas gross production tax was introduced in the senate by Mr. Russell of Muskogee. The resolution bears also the names of Messrs. Barrett, McAlester, and Davidson of Haskell of the senate, and Messrs. Eaton, Harrison and Hughes and Hunter of Choctaw of the house.

The amendment was directed to the taxation of oil and gas production. It is framed to include every factor of value to be ascertained by the several county assessors and certified to the state auditor. The production tax rate is then to be fixed so that the revenues will be comparable as to rate with those derived from public service corporations under existing laws. This revenue would be distributed to the general revenue fund of the state and the highway and school funds of the counties as it provides in the amendment that is proposed by Mr. Russell to the pending gross production tax bill.

The senate Tuesday passed the administration bill providing for working state prisoners in coal mines op-

BERLIN IS HOPEFUL OF SETTling IT.

By United Press. BERLIN, Feb. 9.—As evidence that Germany now hopes for a satisfactory outcome of the Lusitania negotiations, it is pointed out that all the American newspaper correspondents have been invited to a three-days' tour of the German front, beginning February 15.

REJECTION OF TERMS REPORTED

Rome Advises Say Belgium Turns Down Offer of Germany for Separate Peace with Substantial Concessions; Firmly with Allies

By United Press. LONDON, Feb. 9.—Dispatches from Rome today say Belgium refused to accept an offer of separate peace terms, made by Germany. It is understood that this information was obtained from vatican sources. It is reported that the kaiser agreed to the complete evacuation of Belgium, with the Germans being granted certain privileges in the channel ports.

It was further agreed, reports say, that Germany would pay a large sum to rebuild destroyed structures in Belgium in return for the pledge of Belgian neutrality during the remainder of the war.

King Albert, it is said, rejected the proposed terms, announcing that he would consider no peace until the allies are victorious.

Italy to Enter Balkans. By United Press.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Italy is expected to declare war on Germany and announce plans for participating in the allied campaign in the Balkans as a result of Premier Bland's visit to Rome, according to dispatches from Paris today. The French premier is scheduled to leave for Italy today.

WILSON IS WINNER BY 16 TO 1

If the sentiments of seventeen men who happened to be taking luncheon together at a local cafe today are representative of community opinion, Chickasha is for preparedness by the immortal ratio of "sixteen to one," and probably, "without waiting for the consent of any foreign power or potentate."

Among the crowd polled were two farmers, two bankers, two lawyers, two dentists, the remainder being fairly well divided among other vocations. Only one of the number expressed himself as out-and-out against the President Wilson policy of national defense. Two favored a moderate program of preparedness but were firm in the conviction that stronger defenses should be provided. For the most part the others were decidedly outspoken and enthusiastic in their support of the administration program.

CAR OF HOGS SHIPPED TO OKLAHOMA CITY

A. S. White shipped a car of hogs to Oklahoma City last night, made up as pretty a lot of mortgage hogs as ever passed over the county scales in Chickasha. There were 85 hogs in the car, including some few shoats, weighing a total of 17,000. The price paid was 7 1/4 cents all around.

erated by the state near McAlester all the coal so mined to be used by state institutions. The bill provides that convicts are not to be so used until they give their consent in writing. The bill was passed by a bare constitutional majority, Senator O'N. of Grady county voting for it

SNOWSTORMS DO NOT WORRY THE GERMANS



These German troops on the eastern front evidently do not mind a snowstorm, for they are enjoying their hot rations at a field kitchen. In the background are transport wagons.

PLOTTERS TRAILED TO BOSTON?

By United Press. BOSTON, Feb. 9.—It is alleged that the German agents who have been chiefly active against Canadian and American munitions plants have changed their headquarters to Boston.

This report gained currency following the activities of secret service men. It is believed that other parts of the country became too hot for the conferences of the agents.

On information received from Ambassador Spring Rice, it is reported that Federal Agent Smith trailed a suspected man to a rendezvous on Milk street, where he made dictagraph records of conversations. John Howard, assistant to Smith, departed hastily for Canada.

Officials Have Evidence. By United Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 9.—Federal officials here say they have proof against the German and Turkish consul and a score of other prominent Teutonic representatives that were indicted late yesterday.

It is alleged that the evidence of a conspiracy to blow up munitions plants in the United States is even more conclusive than that which resulted in the conviction of the officials of the Hamburg-American line.

OPPOSES BRANDEIS

By United Press. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—Clifford Thorne, railroad commissioner from Iowa, was the first witness before the senate sub-committee which is conducting an investigation as to the fitness of Louis D. Brandeis for the supreme bench.

In the course of his testimony Thorne charged Brandeis with being guilty of breach of faith. He says the Boston lawyer betrayed his trust in "one of the gravest and most important cases ever started in this country," referring to the case involving a 5 per cent rate increase for certain railroads.

MOTION IS OVER RULED.

County Attorney Venable yesterday filed motion before Judge Davenport of the county court asking that the court vacate an order recently made setting aside the forfeiture of the bond in the case of the State of Oklahoma vs. Homer Coyle. The court over ruled the motion. The bond of Coyle was declared forfeited on December 2, 1915, at which time Coyle was a fugitive from justice. Later Coyle was apprehended and the order of forfeiture bond set aside.

RURAL NEIGHBORS MEET.

The Rural Neighbor club met at the home of Mrs. John Hayes, January 25. Only a few members were present on account of the weather, but a pleasant afternoon was spent by those present. They will meet next with Mrs. Ben Hays.

FUNDS FOR SCHOOLS RECEIVED

Grady County Gets \$15,849 from State Apportionment; County Fund Totals \$2,303.66; Will Be Divided Among Various Districts

Superintendent Shepard is busily engaged in pro rating the amounts received from the state and county for school purposes, to the several districts of Grady county. The funds received from both the state and county will be transferred to the credit of the various districts in the county at the earliest possible date and a part of them will become available in meeting and taking up vouchers and warrants now outstanding.

The following letter, received by Superintendent Shepard from the secretary of the school land department, is self explanatory:

"M. H. Shepard, County Superintendent, Chickasha, Okla.:

"This is to certify that the commissioners of the land office have apportioned the common school funds of the state, remaining on hands the 16th day of January, 1916, and found the portion due your county as follows: From earnings of permanent common school fund and income from lands, per capita, \$1.25, amount, \$21,200.57; levies and other sources, per capita, 25 cents, amount, \$2,541.50; totals, per capita, \$1.50; total amount, \$15,849.

"The commissioners of the land office have drawn and caused to be mailed to the treasurer of your county their vouchers on the state treasurer for said amounts.

"GEORGE A. SMITH, Secretary."

In addition to the above amount the common school fund of Grady county will be enriched further in the sum of \$2,303.66, to be transferred from county or local sources.

This latter amount comes from pro rating the fees received from marriage licenses, from misdemeanor fines and from other fees and fines as provided for by law.

The entire total will be pro rated between the 37 school districts in Grady county and will be available for the purposes stated above.

PAYMENT APPROVED BY HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—The annual Indian appropriation bill, including provisions for paying Choctaw and Chickasaw tribesmen \$7,500,000 in accrued profits on their lands was passed Tuesday in the house. It carries appropriations aggregating \$10,705,000.

The measure would grant \$200 to each of 6,000 Chickasaws and \$300 to each of 21,000 Choctaws, most of whom live in Oklahoma. An effort to include 1,200 Mississippi Choctaws failed.

A hard fight on the bill in the senate is expected.

WILL TAKE CONVICTS TO PRISON

It was stated at the county jail this morning that probably tomorrow would see the transportation of the prisoners, convicted at the recent term of the district court, to the state penitentiary at McAlester. The prisoners to be taken to the pen are Homer Coyle, embezzlement, two years; A. L. Mayes, removing mortgaged property from county, one year and a day; Clyde Fowler, forgery, two years; Jesse Williams, assault to kill, eighteen months; Frank Kinsle, breaking into railway car, two years; Deputies Hugh Hogue and John Bailey will probably be the officers to carry the prisoners to McAlester.

John Idle, arrested and arraigned a few days since on charges of false pretense, will probably appear before Judge Linn this afternoon and enter a plea of guilty. According to statements given out at the county attorney's office Idle has expressed a willingness to plead guilty and take a penitentiary sentence.

County Attorney Venable, accompanied by a deputy sheriff, had intended taking Idle to Oklahoma City this morning for the purpose of arraigning him before Judge Will Linn, who is serving at present on the supreme court commission. However, Judge Linn being called home unexpectedly from the city rendered such steps unnecessary. Idle will probably be brought before the judge in chambers this afternoon.

MRS. FAUST GETS BOND

By United Press. SHERMAN, Tex., Feb. 9. — Mrs. Annie Faust, who shot and fatally wounded Rev. H. M. Cagle late Monday afternoon, was formally charged with murder today as a result of the minister's death last night.

The woman was released on a \$5,000 bond. Fifty preachers and laymen of the Baptist church are here to attend the funeral tomorrow morning. Burial will take place at Collinsville, the former home of the deceased.

SMALL BLAZE AT R. I. SHOPS

At 10.07 this morning an alarm was turned in from the C. R. I. & P. Ry. shops at the foot of Kansas and Colorado avenues. Both the central and No. 2 stations responded.

The fire was caused by the bursting of a fuel pipe leading from one of the oil supply tanks to the round house. The escaping oil caught fire and a conflagration seemed imminent when the alarm was turned in. The quick run and the efficient work of the fire department, however, had all the fire extinguished in thirty minutes from the time of turning in the alarm. The fire was in the locomotive department of the round house.

EVENTS IN THE WAR ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

The prelude to the big Teutonic drive on Russia was being executed in some of the fiercest fighting of the war, in the Carpathians. The United States was considering asking Germany whether American lives and ships would be safeguarded from submarine in Germany's underseas blockade of England.

FEEL FEAR FOR FATE OF LINER

Believed that Big British Steamer is Sunk or Captured by German Raider in Mid-Ocean; Anxiety for Other Vessels

By United Press. NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The report that a big British liner was captured or sunk in mid-ocean by a German raider, possibly the same vessel that captured the Appam, caused anxiety to be felt today for the fate of several other trans-Atlantic vessels.

The missing liner is believed to be the Glissa, of 5,258 tons, which sailed from Rio de Janeiro for Liverpool on January 10.

Shipping men here say they have received private information from London which convinces them that German raiders have sunk or captured several British steamers in addition to those reported when the Appam was captured.

W. D. Everth, second officer of the British steamer Author that was sunk by the Moewe, says he believes the raider crossed the Atlantic and was in wireless communication with the Appam every night on the trip to Norfolk. He believes that the raider is now in the Gulf of Mexico, lying in wait for British vessels.

PRESIDENT IS INVITED TO LINCOLN

By United Press. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—A delegation of business men from Lincoln, Neb., the home town of William J. Bryan, today called upon the president to invite him to speak there on preparedness.

Senator Sheppard of Texas also called at the White House today and again urged the president to visit the Lone Star state on his next tour.

Worried over the prospects for his continental army plan, President Wilson today began a series of conferences with house leaders, through which he hopes to devise a plan that will be acceptable to congress.

REPORT ON STREET LIGHTS IS READY

Sergeant Looney of the Chickasha police department, has completed his report for the month of January, showing number of lights "out" during that month. The report will be submitted, as a part of the police report, to the city council at its next meeting.

The report shows that during the month a total of 575 lights failed to illuminate on different evenings. By keeping this careful tab on the lights a saving of 15 2/3 cents per light is shown for the city for each light which failed to twinkle, or a total saving of \$95.83 1/3 for the month.

It will be noted, however, upon inquiry at the police headquarters that the time of a patrolman is demanded each night for a time from his regular duties, in tabbing up on the lights which light not, or which "light out."

SESSION OF CO. BOARD ADJOURNED

Mass of Miscellaneous Matters Handled at Last Meeting; Changes in Township Officers; Two New Members of Insanity Board

CONTRACT FOR JAIL PAINTING AWARDED

Question Raised as to Paying Witnesses for Time Spent in Coming and Going; Defer Action Till Judge is Consulted

At the afternoon session of the county commissioners, yesterday, the following, among other items of business were disposed of:

Mrs. Elizabeth Anthony was allowed \$5 per month from the compulsory school fund; County Clerk Bradley was instructed to employ an extra stenographer to serve for the period of ten days; resignation of G. W. Statton as treasurer of Dutton township, received, filed and accepted; resignation of Charles Orchard as treasurer of Tabler township, received, filed and accepted; R. W. Goostree appointed as treasurer of Tabler township, his bond filed and approved; George W. Richards appointed treasurer of Dutton township, his bond filed and approved; bond of G. I. Henney as treasurer of Waldon township filed and approved.

Bank of Tuttle filed surety bond in the sum of \$5,000 as a county depository. On motion, Dr. Cook and Judge Baker were appointed members of the county insanity board, it having developed that the county health officer and the county attorney cannot serve upon the board.

At this morning's session of the commissioners the following bids for repainting the interior of the county jail were received and opened: Chas. Ely, all material furnished, \$75; W. R. Parmore, all material furnished, \$49.50. Parmore awarded the contract.

The following entry appears on the minutes of the meeting: "On investigation of the records of the court clerk, it developed that the county attorney has been paying witnesses for time coming and going home from attendance in district court, the same being extra time paid for, it is resolved that further investigation be deferred until Judge Will Linn be consulted."

The matter of setting aside funds to be used in buying new underwear for the prisoners recently sentenced to the state penitentiary being taken up, allowance was made as per motion.

No further business appearing before the board, adjournment was ordered.

Commissioner Corstine, chairman of the board, stated following the adjournment, that the board would probably be again in session in about a week, for the purpose of going further into the Lucile road matter, from Alex township. This matter was referred to the township board at a previous meeting of the county board and the called meeting will be held for the purpose of hearing the report of the township board.

ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT.

The appointment of Miss Winnie Warford to the position of temporary stenographer in the county clerk's office, was announced this afternoon. The board of commissioners ordered the appointment of an additional stenographer at the morning session of that body today, the stenographer to serve for ten days or until her services may be no longer required.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma. During twenty-four hours ending 8 a. m. today: Tonight, fair, colder in east portion, Thursday, fair warmer in west portion. Local Temperature. Maximum, 43 degrees. Minimum, 30 degrees.